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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/722,391

Applicant(s)

PARK ET AL.

Examiner

Robert B. Davis

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

On line 1 of paragraph 12, "fixing panel 21" should be "fixing panel 22".

On line 1 of paragraph 19, "mod" should be "mold".

On line 2 of paragraph 20, "mod" should be "mold".

On line 2 of paragraph 59, "cab" should be "can".

Appropriate correction is required.

Double Patenting

2. Applicant is advised that should claim 7 be found allowable, claim 8 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claims 7 and 8 have substantially the same scope and each claim depends upon claim 1.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 11 is objected to because of the following informalities: On line 1 of claim 11, "the protrusion" should be "the projection" to correspond to claim 10. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lemaire et al (5,417,905: figures 14, 19a, 19b and 21a-21c; column 13, lines 13-65 and column 14, lines 8-19).

Lemaire et al teach an apparatus comprising a first mold (632) having a film (51) attached thereto wherein the first mold cavity has a recess (637) for receipt of the film (51) and a molding cavity (635) and a second mold (631) having a nozzle (634) having a gate, a protrusion (633) for clamping the second film (50) along with recess (636) in the molding cavity. The film (50) has a hole larger than the gate as shown in figures 20-21c. Due to the importance of the opening of the film in conjunction with the gate and the manner in which the claims have been drafted, the first and second films are considered positive structural elements of the claims. The bottom of the protrusion (633) also lines in the same plane as the bottom of film (50). The protrusion (633) serves to press film (51) against the opposite mold (632) as shown in figures 21a-21c. The language in the preamble regarding the control panel is intended use and the structure of Lemaire et al is clearly capable of molding such a panel.

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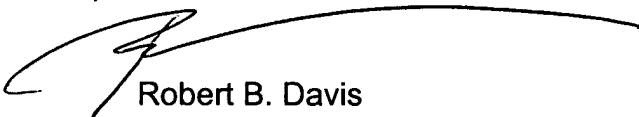
Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The remaining references illustrate the state of the art of molding between opposing substrates.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert B. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-1129. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on 571-272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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